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Subject: URGENT: Draft Desk Statement for Approval

Please approve so we can get to HQ. Also note, ABC News has asked the following:

- **Is EPA involved in the response to the fire in Deer Park?**
- **Also can you help me clarify the status of the RMP amendments? My understanding is that the changes for the new standards on RMPs went into effect last September, so do you know if this facility submitted a plan?**
 - The RMP Amendments rule became effective September 21, 2018. However, most of the major provisions of the rule have compliance dates in 2021 or 2022. RMP facilities are not required to submit updated risk management plans reflecting changes associated with the Amendments until March 14, 2022. ITC Deer Park is an RMP-regulated facility, which last updated its RMP in March, 2018.

OLEM provided a response to the 2nd bullet. We are preparing a response to 1st bullet.

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TCEQ has reviewed and approved this. Please send to appropriate people and edit as needed for final approval. Thank you, Carmen

Draft Desk Statement

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) are working with Unified Command in response to a fire at the International Terminals Corporation (ITC) Deer Park facility near Houston, TX. The Unified Command consists of EPA, TCEQ, U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), Harris County Pollution Control Services (HCPCS) and ITC. Emergency responders continue to use foam to control and prevent spreading of the fire. EPA has conducted air monitoring with the Airborne Spectral Photometric Environmental Collection Technology aircraft (ASPECT) and has not measured any significant detections in the vicinity and downwind of the incident. EPA and the Unified Command are continuing to conduct air monitoring.

Sincerely,

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